

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

RASHEED WALTERS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL, et al.

Defendants.

C.A. No.: 1:22-cv-12048-PBS

**THE CITY’S RESPONSE TO THE MOTION BY THE NAACP BOSTON BRANCH,
MASSVOTE, MASSACHUSETTS VOTER TABLE, LA COLABORATIVA,
CHINESE PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION, AND
NEW ENGLAND UNITED FOR JUSTICE
FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

Defendants Boston City Council, Michelle Wu, in her Official Capacity as Mayor of the City of Boston, City of Boston and Eneida Tavares, in her Official Capacity as Commissioner of the Boston Election Commission (collectively, the “City”), take no position on the Motion to Intervene filed by the NAACP-Boston Branch, MassVOTE, Massachusetts Voter Table, La Colaborativa, Chinese Progressive Association, and New England United for Justice (“Proposed Intervenors”).

Given that the City is taking no position, it will not respond to what it believes are factual inaccuracies in the motion. However, the City notes that the political process of redrawing the district map has only just begun at the City Council, which this Court stated was “best positioned to redraw the lines in light of traditional districting principles and the Constitution.” As part of that process, the City Council will consider all proposed maps that are properly filed, including that recently proposed by Mayor Wu. The Proposed Intervenors, like all other stakeholders, will have a robust opportunity to participate in that political process and provide public comment or

testimony. Until the City Council chooses a map that is approved by the Mayor, it is premature to speculate on the City's alleged "priorities" in redrawing the district map, or to have parties engage in further litigation before this Court.

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Respectfully submitted,

THE CITY OF BOSTON, et al.,

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